of wetlands in floodplains of river Yamuna in the stretch of Delhi and 30 kms upstream. The details of these studies are as under:

Sl. No.	Project Title	Type	Date of Sanction	Duration	Budget
(i)	Project on 'Assessment of Ecological & Hydrological Functions of Floodplains of river Yamuna in Delhi stretch and Development Strategies for Integrated River Basin Management.'	Survey & Action Plan	1.2.2002	Two years	Rs. 11.25 Lakhs
(ii)	Project on 'Preparation of Detailed Research and Action Plan for Enhancing Water Flow in river Yamuna at Delhi.'	Survey only	20.2.2002	6 months	Rs. 7.41 lakhs

Development of CRPF in Berbera forests in Orissa

954. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Berbera forests in Orissa could be saved from decimation by deployment of Central Reserve Police Force, in the year 1990;

(b) whether the Central Government have received any proposal

for deployment of the CRPF in the Satkosia Gorge forests of Orissa, if so, whether it would improve the situation if such deployment takes place;

(c) the estimated value of trees inside the wildlife sanctuary, as per present market value, whether it would cross Rs. 200 crores; and

(d) what is census figure of major animals inside the sanctuary?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Central Reserve Police Force has been deployed in Berbara Reserve Forest since 1994. According to the report received from the State Government, the quality of forests has improved since then.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimated number of major animals inside the sanctuary as reported by the State is as follows:

	Male	Female	Cub	Total
Tiger (Census 2000)	1	2	3	6
Leopard (Census 2002)	4	4	-	8
Elephant (Census 1999)	40	91	31 (Calf & unsexed)	162

Effect of forest fires

955. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the deleterious effects of forests fires, on the regeneration capacity of natural forests, including the regeneration of Sal (Shorea robusta);

(b) whether any study has been undertaken by the Government or State Governments in this regard; if so, the findings thereof;